

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### H 3176 General Bill, By Clemmons and G.R. Smith

#### Summary: Voting

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM DATES FOR ELECTION EVENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1115 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BALLOT TO INDICATE A VOTE CAST FOR A SINGLE CANDIDATE IN ORDER TO BE CERTIFIED AS PART OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FROM FILING MORE THAN ONE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY FOR A SINGLE ELECTION, AND TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FROM BEING NOMINATED BY MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL PARTY FOR A SINGLE OFFICE IN AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO BALLOTS AND SPECIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE'S NAME FROM APPEARING ON THE BALLOT MORE THAN ONCE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BALLOT FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR STRAIGHT-PARTY-TICKET VOTING ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTE RECORDERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR STRAIGHT-PARTY-TICKET VOTING; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-360, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FURNISHING OF BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR STRAIGHT-PARTY-TICKET VOTING; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-365, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO BALLOTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR STRAIGHT-PARTY-TICKET VOTING; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-370, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FURNISHING OF BALLOTS AND ENVELOPES AND THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR STRAIGHT-PARTY-TICKET VOTING; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7-15-470 RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS OTHER THAN PAPER BALLOTS.

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